# Daily Digest

### HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed Alexis Herman as Secretary of Labor.

The House passed H.R. 867 to promote the adoption of children in foster care.

### **Senate**

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 667–674 and S. Res. 80 and 81. Pages \$3843–44

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 7, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system. (S. Rept. No. 105–15)

S. 672, making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. (S. Rept. No. 105–16)

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#### **Measures Passed:**

National Erase the Hate and Eliminate Racism Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 78, to designate April 30, 1997, as "National Erase the Hate and Eliminate Racism Day", and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Nurse Aide Training Correction: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 968, to amend titles XVII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Term Extensions: Senate passed H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Volunteer Protection Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration

of S. 543, to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 53), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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By unanimous-consent agreement, Senate will begin consideration of the bill on Thursday, May 1, 1997.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 85 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 54 EX), Alexis M. Herman, of Alabama, to be Secretary of Labor.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—54)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:42 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 1, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3859.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 672) making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the structure and modernization of the National Guard, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. William A. Navas, Jr., Director, Army National Guard; Maj. Gen. Donald W. Shepperd, Director, Air National Guard; Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, Ohio National Guard; Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, Oregon National Guard; Maj. Gen. Jacob Lestenkof, Alaska National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Daniel James, III, Texas National Guard.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 7.

### SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings on proposals to reform the Social Security system, focusing on the impact of a proposal to privatize the Social Security trust fund on the stock market, the securities industry and the United States economy, after receiving testimony from Roger W. Mehle, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; D.K. Kebodeaux, First Financial Capital Corporation, Houston, Texas; and Marc E. Lackritz, Securities Industry Association, and Michael Tanner, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Andrew J. Pincus, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### U.S. TRADE POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine how the United States is using international trade to promote economic prosperity and stability in the 21st century, receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Sec-

retary of Commerce; and Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### **TELEPRESENCE**

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the use of "Telepresence", the enabling technology for telemedicine and distance learning, after receiving testimony from Arnauld E. Nicogossian, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Nat Durlach, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; S.K. Ganapathy, Bell Labs/ Lucent Technology, Murray Hill, New Jersey; Henry Fuchs, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Ken Gabriel, DARPA/ETO, Arlington, Virginia; James E. Brick, West Virginia University School of Medicine, Morgantown; and Kate Stetzner, Margaret Leary Elementary School, Butte, Montana.

### NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kevin L. Thurm, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Richard J. Tarplin, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nominations (listed above), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposals to improve children's access to health care, including S. 13, to provide access to health insurance coverage for uninsured children and pregnant women, S. 511, to require that the health and safety of a child be considered in any foster care or adoption placement, to eliminate barriers to the termination of parental rights in appropriate cases, and to promote the adoption of children with special needs, and S. 526, to increase the excise taxes on tobacco products for the purpose of offsetting the Federal budgetary costs associated with the Child Health Insurance and Lower Deficit Act, receiving testimony from Senators Daschle, Kennedy, and Frist; Barbara A. DeBuono, New York State Department of Public Health, Albany; Christine Ferguson, Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Cranston; Donald W. Herman, Iowa Division of Medical Services, Des Moines; Michael J. Koch, California Kids Healthcare Foundation, Woodland Hills; and Rose M. Naff, Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, Tallahassee.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CRIME AND VIOLENCE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings on S. 294, to establish Federal penalties for the killing or attempted killing of a law enforcement officer of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Senator Hutchison; Carol Schwartz, Member, Council of the District of Columbia, Stephen Harlan, Vice Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, Eugene N. Hamilton, Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Larry D. Soulsby, Chief, Metropolitan Police Department, and Robert E. Moffit, Heritage Foundation, H. Beecher Hicks, Jr., Metropolitan Baptist Church, and Tracie Gibson, all of Washington, D.C.; and Gary Mather and James Stewart, both of Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., Falls Church, Virginia; and C. Stephen Wallis, Ellicott City, Maryland.

### JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the operations of the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine equal opportunity issues in the Federal construction industry, including the impact of the proposed Executive Order to require project labor agreements to be utilized for all federal and federally funded construction projects, and S. 606, to prohibit discrimination in contracting on federally funded projects on the basis of certain labor policies of potential contractors, after receiving testimony from Senator Hutchinson; John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Robert A. Georgine, Building and Construction Trades Department/AFL-CIO, and R. Bruce Josten, United States Chamber of Commerce, both of Washington, D.C.; Tom Rolleri, Granite Construction Company, Watsonville, California, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; Peter G. Vigue, Cianbro Corporation, Pittsfield, Maine, on behalf of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.; and John T. Dunlop, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### **INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, May 6.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 1487–1507; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75, H. Con. Res. 69, and H. Res. 137–138, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** One report was filed as follows:

H. Res. 136, providing for consideration of H. Res. 129, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifth Congress (H. Rept. 105–84).

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Adoption Promotion Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 96, the House passed H.R. 867, to promote the adoption of children in foster care.

Pages H2015, H2034-35

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as modified and amended.

Agreed to:

The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available under this Act should be American-made;

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The Morella amendment that provides that at least one of the projects approved pursuant to the authority to approve home child protection demonstration projects shall address kinship care;

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The Jackson-Lee amendment that provides, at the option of the States, for a criminal record and child abuse registry check for prospective foster or adoptive parents and employees of child care institutions; and

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The Maloney of New York amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that the States

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should have in effect laws and procedures that permit any parent who is chronically ill or near death to designate a standby guardian without surrendering parental rights.

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Amendments Withdrawn:

The Tiahrt amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to have States seek to terminate parental rights of children who have spent 12 of their most recent 18 months in foster care and removes the exception that allows a state to document a compelling reason for not filing a petition to terminate the rights;

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The Morella amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish kinship care demonstration projects; and Pages H2029–31

The Eddie Bernice Johnson amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to include assistance in establishing outreach programs to identify and recruit minority families to adopt children.

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 867 to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 134, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, by voice vote.

Pages H2012–15

Housing Authority and Responsibility Act: The House completed all debate on H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs. Consideration of amendments will begin on Thursday, May 1.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 133, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, by voice vote.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 137, electing Representative Mica to the Committee on House Oversight.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2092–94.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H2034–35. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

### Committee Meetings

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Administration's Proposal. Testimony was heard from John W. Hill, Jr., Executive Director, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; G. Edward DeSeve, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

### **VA-HUD-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### RIEGLE-NEAL CLARIFICATION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 1306, Riegle-Neal Clarification Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Carper, Governor, State of Delaware; Margarita Prentice, Senator, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

### **MEDICAL DEVICES**

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medical Devices: Technological Innovation and Patient/Provider Perspectives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Michael A. Friedman, M.D., Lead Deputy Commissioner; D. Bruce Burlington, M.D., Director and Susan Alpert, M.D., Director, Office of Device Evaluation, both with the Center for Devices and Radiological Health; and public witnesses.

### PRODUCT LIABILITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Product Liability Reform and How the Legal Fee Structure Affects Consumer Compensation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND LITERACY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1385, Employment, Training and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997.

### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on "Federal Employees Group Life Insurance: Could We Do Better?" Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance, OPM; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT**

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on the post FTS-2000 Telecommunications Contract. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA: David J. Barram, Administrator; and Robert Woods, Commissioner, Federal Telecommunications Service.

### OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on "Bureau of Labor Statistics Oversight: Fixing the Consumer Price Index". Testimony was heard from Katherine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### FOREIGN POLICY REFORM ACT

Committee on International Relations: Began markup of the Foreign Policy Reform Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

### BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENTS; BANKRUPTCY LAW TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 764, Bankruptcy Amendments of 1997, and H.R. 120, Bankruptcy Law Technical Corrections Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ehlers and Knollenberg; Albert B. Sullivan, Director, Office of Asset Management and Disposition, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

### FLAG DESECRATION AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 54, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. Testimony was heard from Representatives Solomon, Skaggs, Lipinski, Shimkus, Ackerman and Frost; Alan Lance, Attorney General, State of Idaho; Robert

Zukowski, Representative, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

### SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

### OVERSIGHT—SAFEGUARDING NATURALIZATION PROCESS INTEGRITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on Safeguarding the Integrity of the Naturalization Process. Testimony was heard from Representative Ros-Lehtinen; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Stephen Colgate, Assistant Attorney General, Administration; Dennis Kurre, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, FBI; and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Norman Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported H.R. 1420, National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.J. Res. 59, to disapprove a rule affecting polar bear trophies from Canada under the 1994 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act issued by the U.S. and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Representative Peterson of Minnesota; Marshall Jones, Assistant Director, International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; John E. Reynolds, III, Chairman, Marine Mammal Commission; and public witnesses.

### **COMMITTEE FUNDING**

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a closed rule providing for consideration in the House without the intervention of any point of order H. Res. 129, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the 105th Congress. The rule provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute will be considered as adopted. The rule provides 1 hour of debate. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development approved for full Committee action the following: H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 67, authorizing the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds; H. Con. Res. 66, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 16th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; and two Committee amendments to GSA resolutions.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 408, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act; and H.R. 1463, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Resources, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the Department of Defense Depot maintenance privatization initiatives, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to hold oversight hearings on the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 357, to authorize the Bureau of Land Management to manage the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, 2 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the extent of religious persecution in the Middle East, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on proposals to develop and implement management reforms to provide the Department of Defense with strategies and techniques to increase effectiveness, reduce costs, and minimize risks associated with program and administrative management, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to discuss certain issues with regard to the ABM Treaty, focusing on the national missile defense program, 2 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold oversight hearings on the Immigration and Naturalization Service, focusing on criminal record verification process for citizenship applicants, 11:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine biomedical research priorities, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

### **NOTICE**

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E807–08 in today's Record.

### House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor-Health and Human Services, and Education, on SSA, 10 a.m., and on the Corporation for National and Community Service, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Šubcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Computer Generated Check Fraud, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Financial Services Reform, focusing on "A Two Way Street" and Functional Regulation, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue joint hearings on Review of EPA's Proposed Ozone and Particulate Matter NAAQS Revisions: Perspectives of State and Local Elected Officials, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on "Education at a Crossroads, What Works, What's Wasted in the D.C. School System?" 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on the following: Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1997; and Special Government Employee Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, hearing on Reauthorization of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue markup of the Foreign Policy Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on the provision in the 1997 Omnibus Appropriations Act which removed the Narragansett Indian Tribe of Rhode Island from the coverage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House, to continue hearings on Civility in the House of Representatives, 9:30 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on "Why Exports Matter," 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Reauthorization of the War Risk Insurance Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, to continue hearings on the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Chinese Counterintelligence Issues, 9 a.m., and, executive, Budget hearing on Legislative Issues, 10 a.m., H–405 Capitol.

**Next Meeting of the SENATE** 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 1

### Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10 a.m., Thursday, May 1

#### Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 543, Volunteer Protection Act.

#### **House Chamber**

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H. Res. 129, Committee Funding Resolution (closed rule, 1 hour of debate); and

Continue consideration of H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act (open rule, 1 hour of debate).

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